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Primary Components:

Office of the Attorney General

The Department of Law and Public Safety (L&PS), under the direction of the Attorney General, is dedicated to making New Jersey safe and secure for all its residents. The Department's diverse and complex responsibilities focus on protecting the lives, property and rights of New Jersey's citizens.

Divisions under the Attorney General's supervision:

Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

- Regulates and licenses sale and distribution of all alcoholic beverages within the state

Division of Consumer Affairs

- Administers the Consumer Fraud Act
- Supervises professional licensing boards (i.e., doctors, nurses, plumbers)
- Regulates sale of kosher foods, charities, weights and measures, boardwalk games and raffles

Division of Criminal Justice

- Detects criminal activities and prosecutes criminals
- Oversees and advises local police departments, county medical examiners' and prosecutors' offices
- Develops programs to reduce crime; coordinates law enforcement efforts to share resources within criminal justice communities on the state, county and municipal levels

Division on Civil Rights

- Administers the "Law Against Discrimination," which guarantees equal opportunity in employment, housing and public places without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or handicap

Division of Elections

- Protects and furthers every citizen's voice in the democratic process by administering and coordinating the implementation of election laws

Division of Highway Traffic Safety

- Develops and grants funds for programs designed to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents

Division of Law

- Provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, all state departments and more than 400 other government agencies
- Represents judicial and legislative branches of government in certain matters

Division of Gaming Enforcement

- Reviews and audits casino operations and investigates and prosecutes violations of the Casino Control Act
- Investigates applicants seeking casino licenses, casino employment licenses and licences to do business with casinos

Racing Commission

- Regulates horse racing at the state's racetracks
- Regulates betting
- Supervises veterinary exams
- Conducts drug testing of racing participants and horses

Division of State Police

- Initiates criminal investigations
- Provides forensic laboratory services to local police departments
- Enforces the traffic laws on certain highways
- Enforces boating laws and patrols waterways
- Conducts recruit training

Independent agencies administratively located within the Department:

Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force

- Preserves, protects and maintains the domestic security of the state
- Develops, implements and manages comprehensive responses to possible terrorist attacks or other disasters

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

- Assists victims of violent crimes who have suffered injuries
- Provides monetary assistance to victims of violent crimes

Election Law Enforcement Commission

- Enforces the state's campaign laws

Executive Commission on Ethical Standards

- Administers and enforces the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law, which applies to state officers and employees
- Approves codes of ethics for state departments

Juvenile Justice Commission

- Coordinates all programs related to juvenile crime
- Administers Juvenile Boot Camps
- Provides grants to counties for juvenile initiatives